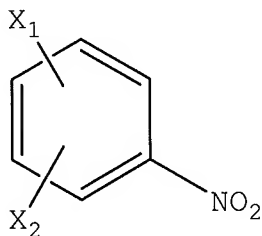


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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of producing a 3-amino-1,2,4-benzotriazine compound comprising combining a nitrobenzene or a derivative thereof of the structure



wherein X₁ and X₂ are independently the same or different and are a hydrogen; a nitro group; a cyano group; a halogen; a hydroxyl group; -NH₂; -NHR', -NR'R', -OCOR', -NH(CO)R', -O(SO)R' or -O(POR')R', wherein R' is a substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl; or an alkyl group, wherein said alkyl is substituted or unsubstituted, cyclic or acyclic, branched or unbranched, or interrupted by a single ether linkage,

with a guanidine salt in the presence of a base at a moderate reaction temperature to produce a 3-amino-1,2,4-benzotriazine.